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## \$140 Million AWC Funds Approved

(Release by Council Member Tommy Wells)

 ↑ he DC Council has given unanimous approval to emergency legislation aimed at ensuring funds are available to start construction on many waterfront development projects in Ward 6 and along the Anacostia. Councilmember Wells joined Councilmember Evans in introducing this legislation that authorizes the issuance of bonds by the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation (AWC) backed by DOT PILOT payments. The \$140 million proceeds will be used to finance development projects at the Southwest Waterfront, Southeast Federal Center, Hill East Waterfront-Reservation 13, Poplar Point, Kingman and Heritage Islands.

"The community has waited a long time for these initiatives to get started and this is an important step toward making good on the promises made," said Councilmember Wells. He added, "The revitalization of our waterfront will provide jobs, affordable housing and much needed retail options and amenties. Failing to act now, before the dissolution of AWC takes place, would have created yet another delay for the communities waiting for these important actions."

## Inside:

## Bridge Came Tumbling Down

he So. Capitol St. Bridge that used to be 30 or so feet above the intersection of Q and Potomac Ave. SW is no more. The last pieces of steel structure can be seen in this photo on July 11 and were soon a pile of scrap metal, as shown near by. The curve of the rising structure of the new Nationals Ballpark can be seen a short distance away on the left.

Potomac Ave. will soon have a direct ground-level entrance onto the bridge, with stop lights controlling traffic. Potomac Ave traffic from Southwest will be able to head east, cross So. Capitol St. for easy access to the ballpark, new DOT Headquarters Building and other SE destinations.





## Maine Ave. Waterfront at SWNA Jl 23

aster Developer Hoffman-Streuver Waterfront, LLC, will explain the status of its work to renovate the 6 block SW Waterfront to conform with the 2003 Small Area plan adopted by the DC Council.

#### Games, Food, Fun at King-Greenleaf Rec. Sat. July 21

SW Community Festival will be held on the grounds of the King Greenleaf Recreation Center, First & N St. SW, Sat. July 21.

They have two baseball games, each 3 innings, starting at 9 AM and ending with a movie that evening on a big screen. Senior bingo and basketball on the courts.

There will be a moon walk, wall climb, slide, fun mobile, skates, etc. which will be great fun for the kids and their families. The company, contracted through DC Parks and Recreation, providing the climbing wall, moon walk, slide, etc. will have staff there to assist with the safe use and operation but volunteer adults are needed for one hour duty all day.

There will also be food and such as with any picnic-like event.

## Demolishing Old Pool at Wilson Aug 13

Pool demolition is tentatively scheduled for Mon. Aug. 13, 2007.
Progress report from the school on other construction:

**ATHLETIC FIELD:** Work on the athletic field began in earnest on Tuesday, June 26th and it's absolutely amazing how quickly work progressed. People have to see it to believe it. The project is currently on schedule, and progressing nicely.

ROOF: The pitched roof and walk-way to the auditorium have been completed. The flat roof on the auditorium, which is a contract modification, has been approved by the program manager. However, we are still waiting for authorization to proceed on the flat roof over the auditorium and the walkway to the library. Work on the gymnasium roof has been delayed slightly waiting for a plumber to unclog the drains before the flashing can be completed. The project is still slightly ahead of schedule.

**GYMNASIUM:** Work in the gymnasium began Monday, June 18th with the removal of the lockers from both the girl's and boy's locker room. The architects were also on campus to provide detailed



Workmen are shown with heavy equipment removing the old track at Wilson High stadium.

drawings of the proposed changes which included additions to the original scope of work. Work in the locker rooms is pro-



The grass football field at Wilson is no more. The field is being prepared for artificial turf. gressing nicely. We are currently waiting

gressing nicely. We are currently waiting for the work modifications to be approved so that work can commence on the gymnasium floor.



#### Safety Fence Needed At Baseball Diamond

he baseball player in the foreground by the dug-out at King-Greenleaf field is behind a low fence that doesn't protect players from being hit by a ticked or fouled "bean-ball." The two players in the background are behind the taller fence that protects spectators.

#### High School Sports Start in August

S tarting dates for fall sports at Wilson High have been announced and are no doubt available for other high schools.

Cheerleaders and football start at Wilson Wed. Aug. 8 – football at 12 noon and 4 pm in the stadium; cheerleading at

6 pm in the stadium

Boys soccer starts Mon.. Aug. 13 at 6:30 am and 3:30 pm at Ft. Reno field across Chesapeake Ave. from the school.

Girls soccer starts Wed. Aug. 15 at 8 am and 4 m at Duke Ellington Field, 38<sup>th</sup> & R St. NW.

Boys and Girls Cross Country running starts Mon. Aug.. 27 at 3:30 pm in the stadium

Volleyball starts Mon. Aug. 27 in the gym.

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The same practice test is given at MLK Library, 9<sup>th</sup> & G St. NW, Every Tues & Thurs at 10 am and 5:30 pm and every Sat. at 10 am. (That library has the phone 727-2431)

### Southwest Community Calendar

**THURS. JULY 19** Police Night Out by the Potomac for the public, 6<sup>th</sup> & Water St. SW, Lt. Juanita Mitchell 698-0380, 5 p.m

**SAT. JULY 21** SW Family Day Picnic and games, King-Greenleaf Rec Center, N and First SW. 9am to 8:30 pm.

**SAT. JULY 21** Juan Williams lecture on his book on the civil rights movement, Dept. of Interior auditorium, 1849 C St. NW, 3pm. (See ad on page 4).

**MON. JULY 23** Monthly public meeting, SWNA, St. A's Church, 6<sup>th</sup> & M SW, 7:30 pm

**THURS. JULY 26** Candace Wolf Story Teller, all ages, SW Library, K near 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SW, 1:30 pm

**THURS. JULY 26** SW Chamber music, St. Augustine's Church, 6<sup>th</sup> and Maine Ave. SW, 7:30 pm.

**MON. JULY 30** Zoning Board decision on Waterfront Associates PUD, 441 4<sup>th</sup> St. NW, 6:30 pm

**TUES. JULY 31** Zoning Board decision on Arena Stage changes, 441 4<sup>th</sup> St NW, 9:30 am

**TUES. AUG. 7,** Police National Night Out – Peace Walk, 6<sup>th</sup> & I (Eye) St. SW (Centennial Park), Lt. Juanita Mitchell, 698-0380, 7 pm

**THURS. AUG. 23,** Police Fun in the Sun, King-Greenleaf REc Center, 1<sup>st</sup> & N SW, 3 pm

MON. AUG. 27, First day of school

#### **WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY**

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**FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS** – Second & Fourth Wed., S.W Library, 6:15 pm.

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– Every Wed. GSA Bldg – 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

**LABYRINTH WALK** – First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 7 pm.

**FRIDAYS – FARMERS** Market at US Dept. of Ag, 12<sup>th</sup> & Independence Ave. SW near Smithsonian METRO

**TUESDAYS – FARMERS** Market at US Dept. of Transportation new headquarters at New Jersey Ave. SE & M St. SE; near Navy Yard METRO, limited parking, some a block north at L St. SE.

**WEDNESDAYS AT 3** pm— Practice GED test — free — takes 4-1/2 hrs; walk in at SW Library, between 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> St., between I (Eye) and K SW, second floor; picture ID required. 727-6976 or 727-1616 (M, T, Th, F).

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The purpose of The Southwester Dispenser Project is to improve the distribution of The Southwester monthly community newspaper by placing outdoor dispensers in under-served areas. They can also be used to distribute fliers and meeting notices of SWNA and ANC 6D.

The ten Southwester newspaper dispensers were installed at the locations listed below. 3rd & K SW

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#### Cleaners Moves Across M Street SW

un Chui, formerly in Waterside Mall, in her new location as Senate Cleaners, in Carrollsburg Apts., 300 M St. SW, NG1, with street entrance facing M St. SW in the former location of Dr. McDowell.

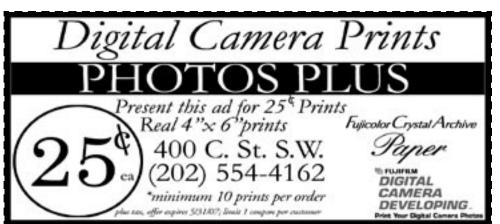
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#### Councilmember Wells **Introduces Proposal**

(Washington, DC) - On Tuesday, July 10th, Councilmember Tommy Wells introduced the "Affordable Housing Clearinghouse Directory Act of 2007." This legislation would create a Clearinghouse Directory to be maintained by the Mayor that requires development projects receiving public funds and assistance - whether through tax abatement, tax increment financing, direct appropriation, or other means — to file quarterly reports with key information about the affordable housing units they are creating. It also includes an opt-in provision for those developments that are not utilizing public funds, but that want to participate in the Directory.

The Affordable Housing Clearinghouse Directory would become a resource for District residents to learn where and when affordable units will be created, in addition to income qualifications (such as whether the unit is available for households at a certain level of Area Median Income), type of housing, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, and contact information. The legislation also calls for this Directory to be maintained online, but also have print copies made available at several public and agency offices across the city to ensure that everyone has access to this critical information.

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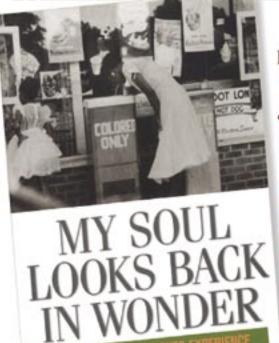
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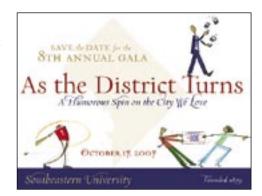
#### Jokes Are On DC at SEU Gala Oct. 17

he annual fundraiser for Southeastern University Wed., Oct. 17, has been dubbed "As the District Turns – A Humorous Spin on the City We Love."

The event is at the Hilton Washington Hotel, 1919 Connecticut Ave. NW, in DC. The reception and silent auction are at 6 pm, with dinner and program at 7:30 pm.

The funds raised are for "student programs, services and scholarships."

The announcement lists Tom Sherwood of NBC4 as Master of Ceremonies and states "The revue will include the funniest social, political and business leaders in the city, as well as special celeb-



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## Juan Williams Book Signing, Sat. July 21, 3-5 pm

uan Williams, noted political journalist, will have a book signing at the exhibit *Witness to History: The March on Washington*, Sat. July 21 at 3pm at the Dept. of the Interior Auditorium, 1849 C. St. NW.

After 23 years at the Washington Post, Williams is now a senior correspondent for National Public Radio. He is author of *Eyes on the Prize*, the companion volume to the TV series, and several other books.

The U.S. Dept. of the Interior Museum, adjacent to the auditorium, is presenting the lecture as part of the exhibit Witness to History: The March on Washington commemorating the August 28,

1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. The exhibit features 10 original never before seen watercolors by David Granahan depicting the 1963 activities.

Juan Williams will speak on how the historical struggle for civil rights has transformed American life. The battle for civil rights touched the lives of every American and the movement continues to be a force in America. A book sign-

ing for Mr. Williams' book
My Soul Looks Back in
Wonder: Voices of the
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will follow the lecture.

Each adult must have photo identification to present to security.

For those in need of special assistance (such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired) or inquiries regarding the handicapped entrance, please notify Deborah Wurdinger at (202) 208-4984 in advance of the lecture. Special needs will be accommodated whenever possible.

For more information on the museum and the exhibit, visit the Museum's website at www.doi.gov/interiormuseum.



#### Tour for Corcoran Art School/Condos

orcoran Gallery representatives, above, address a crowd of Southwest residents whom they took on a walking tour of the Randall Jr. High grounds. They paused here at the Delaware Ave. & H St. circle. Corcoran – through developer Monument Realty - has bought the school and is demolishing the non-historical portions. The older, central portion facing I (Eye) St. SW is being renovated as training facilities for the Corcoran School of Art. Monument Realty will construct condominium apartments on the H St. side.

At right, Looking southeast from the corner of Delaware Ave. SW and H St. SW, the part of the school shown will be among the parts demolished and replaced with the Corcoran School of Art and an 8 and 9 story condominium apartment building.



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#### Ninth Grade Now Taught at High School

or the first time DC junior high's, like Jefferson Jr. in SW, will no longer teach 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Dozens of Jefferson students who were 8<sup>th</sup> graders last school year are heading for Wilson High for their 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Many others are heading for other high schools.

At Wilson all 9th graders are in the Ninth Grade Academy, (also called the Freshman Academy) with classes all in one section of the building – toward the library and gym areas – the Ninth Grade Wing. Ninth graders will be in three teams of about 100 students each. Each team will have a set of teachers assigned to it for the basic courses.

Generally 9<sup>th</sup> graders take English I, Geometry or Algebra I or II, World History and Geography, Biology, Art and Music electives (half year each), PE Health for a half year. Students can take the first year of a foreign language in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and a second year of the same language later. A career, technical education course such as computer application can be taken in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, too..

A four year plan toward graduation for each student will be updated each year to make sure you are on track to graduate. At the end of each advisory the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade team has an intervention, meeting with parents and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who are falling behind.

The new 9<sup>th</sup> graders will have the flexibility of a three or four or five year high school career pathway. A counselor will sit down with parents and decide on an

individualized graduation pathway.

Students who agree to go to summer school can choose a 3 year pathway. The four year pathway is the traditional 4 year curriculum. The 5 year pathway allows extra time to complete high school. Each year you can change to a different pathway if you decide to.

A new counselor for 9<sup>th</sup> graders will have an office in the Ninth Grade Wing and have a calendar to ensure at least an hour of individual attention to each 9<sup>th</sup> grader.

At the end of the last school year eighth and ninth graders at Jefferson prepared schedules for the classes they intend to take this fall in high school. When you register at Wilson this summer with proof of DC residency, you will get a copy of your schedule and can change it then. The school is open all summer for parents and students to register Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm. Three Thursdays when the school is open for registration till 6 pm are July 19, July 26 and Aug. 2. The school telephone number is 202-282-0120.

There will be an orientation the first week of school, including three sessions of orientation for parents in the afternoon or evening with the chance to ask questions.

Administrator for the Ninth Grade Academy is Mr. Gregory Bargeman. Parents with questions can reach him at 240-305-3165 or by email at Gregory. Bargeman@k12.dc.us.

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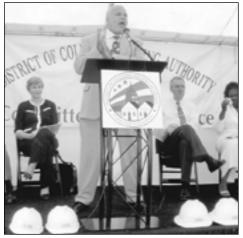
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#### Capper/Carrollsburg New Homes Being Built

he Hope Six federal grant of \$35 million dollars for replacing public housing at Capper/Carrollsburg along K and L St. SE has moved beyond demolition to the start of construction. A senior building of public housing at 3<sup>rd</sup> & K SE with 162 units is fully occupied. A "wrap-around" addition

of 139 units to the Carroll senior apartments at 6<sup>th</sup> & M St. SE is nearly completed for seniors, disabled persons and former working Arthur Capper residents and others in a mixed-income environment.

The senior building at 602 L St. SE will soon be demolished.



Director of the Housing Authority Michael Kelly addressed the groundbreaking ceremony for new "Capitol Quarter" housing in the HopeVI Capper/Carrollsburg program.



At a ceremonial groundbreaking on K and 4th St SE, late in June Council Member Tommy Wells and others praised the DC Housing Authority for its progress.

A model shows what the hundreds of new mixed income homes will look like where Arthur Capper Public Housing used to stand in the neighborhood of 4th and K St. SE.





With construction equipment ready to start the real digging to install water, sewer and utility lines, dignitaries use shovels to turn some soil as a groundbreaking for the Hope VI program to replace Capper/Carrollsburg Public Housing with "Capitol Quarter," part public housing, part "affordable" housing, and part "market rate" condominiums. Some housing will be rental, but most will be "home ownership".

#### **Awards from Yard Sale**

proceeds from this year's yard sale on 4th St. S.W. the first Sat. in May have been awarded to students from Jefferson Jr. and Amidon Elementary.

The Southwest Educational Excellence Team (SWEET), sponsors of the sale, has selected six students to receive \$100 checks to start savings accounts and \$50 gift certificates from Old Navy.



Above, four Amidon students with their certificates from SWEET (left to right) Kortnee Spencer, Donald Hamlett, Latrice Holloman, Monet Whitby are show with SWEET members at left and in back (left to right) Monica Evans, Ashell Alston and Lenora Moragne. This was the 11th year of the SWEET Yard Sale.

At right, two students from Jefferson High, with their certificates from SWEET are Tori Dugger and Duane Umstead.



#### Clarence Brown Heads Office of Aging

outhwest's Clarence Brown, head of the Gerontology Center at Howard University and Amidon PTA President, has been appointed by Mayor Adrian Fenty as Director, DC Office of Aging. The budget of the office is \$23 million with more than two dozen employees.

Dr. Brown earned his PhD at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and was director of programs in public administration at the North Carolina Central University.

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- Redeveloping the **Maine Ave. Waterfront** with residential, retail and office buildings,
- Creating **Waterfront, a new Town Center** at 4<sup>th</sup> and M St. SW with office, residential and local retail
- Building a new **Nationals Ballpark** on So. Capitol St. with its adjacent commercial and entertainment area
- Replacing 23 Acres of Arthur Caper public housing with **Capitol Quarter** mixed income housing.
- Replacing 40 Acres of "brownfield" on the Anacostia River next to the Washington Navy Yard with **The Yards,** with 2,800 residential units, office and retail now under construction.

Residents of Near SW are vigilant in requiring zoning authorities and developers to keep the mixed-income residential character of this area and in requiring affordable housing throughout.

## Food, Games and Info at Ward 6 Picnic



Council Member-at-large Phil Mendelsohn, left, and Ward 6 Council Member Tommy Wells, at the Ward 6 picnic.

Police Officers of MPD

District One cooked and served food

at the Ward

6 picnic.



Coach Occar Taylor of SW's King Granled

Coach Oscar Taylor of SW's King Greenleaf Recreation Center was one of the pitchers at the softball tournament at Ward 6's first picnic.

## Registration for School in Fall Has Started

A lready parents have been registering their students for public schools for next fall.

In Near Southwest Amidon and Bowen Elementary and Jefferson Middle School are open for registration.

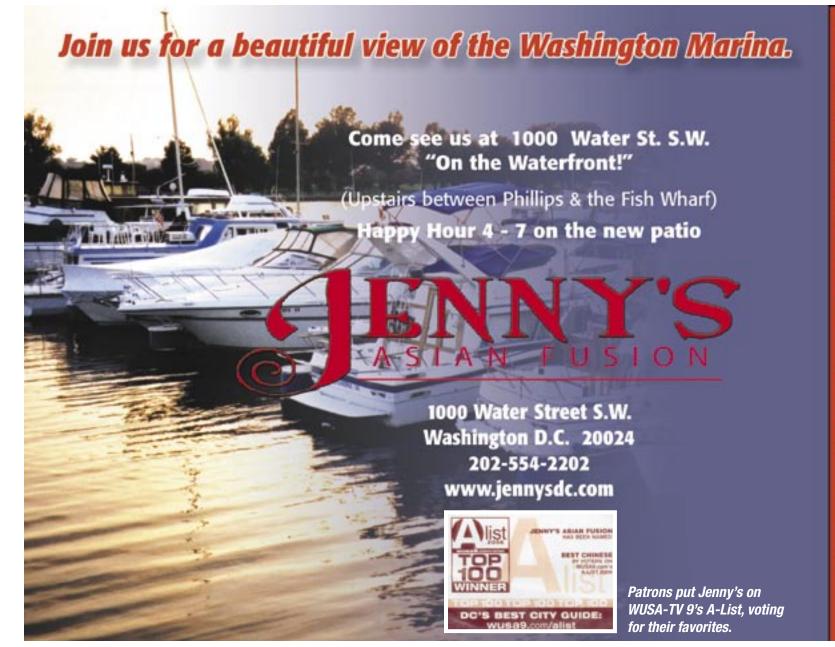
Amidon, at 4<sup>th</sup> and I (Eye) St. SW, asks parents to contact Miss Alston at 724-4867 to start the application for pre-k through 6<sup>th</sup> grades. They will need proof of DC residency and immunization shot records. Amidon is open 8 am-4:30 pm.

Bowen, at 101 M St. SW, asks parents to contact Miss Armstrong at 724-4871.

Jefferson has changed its name from Jr. High to Middle School because it no longer has 9<sup>th</sup> graders. Their office at 7<sup>th</sup> and H St. SW is open to register 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, 9 am to 3:30 pm, with phone number 724-4881.

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